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Mr. T. T. Pinder, Director  
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RE: State Involvement/Aid in  
Development of Ground Water  
Monitoring Program  
ACT/035/002  
Salt Lake County, Utah

Dear Mr. Pinder:

On June 6, 1983, an article was published in the Salt Lake Tribune which alluded to the possibility that some ground water contamination may be occurring in "localized areas" near the Kennecott Mine in western Salt Lake County. The article also indicated that Kennecott has initiated a five-year, \$1 million study to try and determine the extent, cause and possible solutions to the contamination problem(s). Salt Lake County and the State are to participate in the study and all of Kennecott's ground water information will be made available to the county and State.

The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, as a permitting agency for the mining operation, has a genuine interest in the possibility of becoming involved with the development and implementation of this study. The Division has a number of qualified hydrologists, geologists and engineers on its permitting staff who may provide some technical assistance to Kennecott with the interpretation of data and/or the development of its monitoring program.

Regardless of Kennecott's decision of whether or not to utilize the Division's resources in this matter, we do feel that the ground-water monitoring program and the data generated from it are an important and integral part of the mining operation. Consequently, this information should be incorporated into the mining and reclamation plan currently on file with this office.

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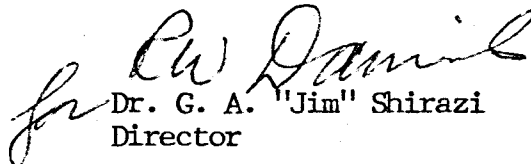
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We appreciate Kennecott's willingness to keep the State informed and involved with the status of its on-going operations and welcome the opportunity to provide whatever technical assistance we can, if requested.

The Division supports the continued development of Utah's mineral resources, but must also provide for the protection of the associated vested interests of the State and the general populace.

We look forward to the possibility of working with Kennecott to resolve our mutual concerns. Please feel free to contact us should any questions arise.

Sincerely,

  
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Director

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